

Preparing For the Harvest
The Power of One – part 2
New Song Community Church
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Text: I Kings 18:30-39

Then Elijah called to the people, "Come over here!" They all crowded around him as he repaired the altar of the LORD that had been torn down.

³¹ He took twelve stones, one to represent each of the tribes of Israel, ³² and he used the stones to rebuild the altar in the name of the LORD. Then he dug a trench around the altar large enough to hold about three gallons.

³³ He piled wood on the altar, cut the bull into pieces, and laid the pieces on the wood. Then he said, "Fill four large jars with water, and pour the water over the offering and the wood."

³⁴ After they had done this, he said, "Do the same thing again!" And when they were finished, he said, "Now do it a third time!" So they did as he said,

³⁵ and the water ran around the altar and even filled the trench. ³⁶ At the usual time for offering the evening sacrifice, Elijah the prophet walked up to the altar and prayed, "O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, prove today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant. Prove that I have done all this at your command.

³⁷ O LORD, answer me! Answer me so these people will know that you, O LORD, are God and that you have brought them back to yourself."

³⁸ Immediately the fire of the LORD flashed down from heaven and burned up the young bull, the wood, the stones, and the dust. It even licked up all the water in the trench! ³⁹ And when all the people saw it, they fell face down on the ground and cried out, "The LORD—he is God! Yes, the LORD is God!"

A. Rebuilding the Altar:

1. We are a living sacrifice.

Romans 12:1 And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice - the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.

2. Living in alignment with God's word.
3. Daily encounters in the presence of God.
4. Making God first priority in all things.
5. Action in reaching lost people.

B. Elijah prepared for a Miracle.

1. To confirm Jehovah as the only true God.
2. No fire on the altar.
3. Poured water on the altar three times until there was no doubt that it would take supernatural fire to ignite it.
4. Waited until the appointed time to meet with God.

C. Prayed for a miracle:

1. The prayer of faith moves the hand of God.
2. Prayed a short prayer...reminding God of his covenant. (God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob)
3. Prayed for revival.

4. Supernatural demonstration of the power of God.

D. The Power of One.

1. It just Takes One to stand in the Gap for a nation.
2. An entire nation turned to God in one day.
3. God is still looking for someone to stand in the gap.

Next Steps: Today I am:

1. Committing my life Christ
2. Rebuilding the altar of my life.
3. Asking God for a daily encounter with His presence.
4. Asking God to help me stand in the gap for _____